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FOR YOUNG, MOOSE, MCHENRY

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PDEV, UK, US, SF, SA

SUBJECT: PLANS FOR SWA ARMY

REFS: A) LONDON 13941 B) PRETORIA 3884 C) LAGOS 9550

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH REFS A AND C THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S
INTENTION TO CREATE AN ETHNICALLY-BASED SWA ARMY COULD
SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF FIVE-POWER
INITIATIVE. ACTION WOULD APPEAR TO CONTRAVENE UNDERSTAND-
ING REACHED AT APRIL CAPE TOWN TALKS THAT NEITHER SIDE
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WOULD IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT, AND WILL SURELY
BE VIEWED BY SWAPO AS EVIDENCE OF BAD FAITH IN NEGOTIATING.

2. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT AT AUGUST 23
WORKING-LEVEL MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK, RE-
PRESENTATIVES OF OTHER FOUR PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED CONCERN
THAT CONTACT GROUP HAD MADE TOO MANY RECENT DEMARCHES TO SAG

ON NAMIBIAN ISSUES AND EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT DEVELOPMENTS
DISCUSSED REFTEL WOULD JUSTIFY NEW APPROACH.

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS AGREED SEEK
INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS, AND SUBJECT WILL BE CONSIDERED
AGAIN AUGUST 25 AT 1130. FULL REPORT ON MEETING WILL BE
SENT OUT BY USUN.

4. IN VIEW PRESENCE IN LAGOS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OTHER
FOUR PARTICIPANTS, YOU MIGHT WISH TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO DISCUSS ISSUE FURTHER. WITH AIM OF REACHING CONSENSUS
ON STRONG, EARLY APPROACH TO SAG.
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